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Secretary Marlene H. Dortch
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**RE: WT Docket # 02-55 – In Support of the Consensus Plan to Eliminate
800 MHz Interference**

Dear Secretary Dortch:

The members of the Eastham Police Department are committed to the Community Policing doctrine. We are constantly working with our townspeople in a partnership that strives to better serve and protect Eastham residents and visitors. Our officers and dispatchers utilize new technology as it becomes available. We believe that our community deserves the best resources available to maintain the standards we have set.

The Town of Eastham is not alone in this endeavor. First responders and their departments across the country constantly strive to serve their communities in this way. Radio interference has been a problem that has been preventing many first responders from effectively performing their duties in a timely manner. We all need a solution to this problem. Radio interference needs to be eliminated.

Leaders in the Public Safety Community have taken the initiative in developing a plan that could realistically work. This plan is known as the Consensus Plan, and it presents a detailed solution to ending interference, and providing a funding mechanism designed to assist, and not tax either individual departments or taxpayers.

We wholeheartedly support the Consensus Plan. We ask for your help in achieving this goal. Your support will be greatly appreciated by the public safety sector, and by the people we serve.

Sincerely,

Richard R. Hedlund
Chief of Police

"In Partnership with our Community"